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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS,

AFTERNOON DEC 20

- 1. TANZANIAN ACTING PERM REP CHALE DISTRIBUTED TEXT TRANSMITTED BELOW OF WORKING PAPER, APPROVED BY NON-ALIGNED, CONCERNING LESOTHO COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. HE CALLED FOR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT.
- 2. SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS APPROVED PRESIDENT DATCU'S (ROMANIA) SUGGESTION THAT COUNCIL MEET FORMALLY MORNING DEC 21, TO HEAR LESOTHO MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN GROUP, AND OTHERS. SC WOULD MEET THEREAFTER EITHER MORNING OR AFTERNOON DEC 22, NOT TO CONCLICT WITH CLOSING OF GA. 3. TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM WILL BE "COMPLAINT OF LESOTHO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA: LETTER OF DECEMBER 16, 1976" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. UK SUGGESTED OPERATIVE PARA 3 BE REWRITTEN TO BECOME: "CONDEMNS ANY ACTION CALCULATED TO IMPEDE THE FREE FLOW OF PERSONS AND GOODS BETWEEN LESOTHO AND SOUTH AFRICA WITH CONSEQUENT DAMAGE TO THE ECONOMY OF LESOTHO." US QUESTIONED CERTAIN TENDENTIOUS PHRASES. SYG QUESTIONED ALLUSIONS

TO SPECIAL FUND, SINCE ONLY \$2 MILLION ARE LEFT THEREIN, FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF \$20 MILLION FOR IFAD. SOVIETS WONDERED WHETHER OPERATIVE PARA 8 WAS NECESSARY. PRESIDENT SUGGESTED CONTINUED CONSULTATIONS AIMED AT REACHING AGREEMENT ON DRAFT.

- 5. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON DRAFT AND VIEWS CONCERNING ANY US STATEMENT IN SC.
- 6. FYI: BOTSWANA COMPLAINT AGAINST RHODESIAN INCURSIONS DID NOT ARISE. ROMANIANS INFORMED US PRIVATELY THAT SC PRESIDENT DATCU WOULD COUNSEL BOTSWANA TO DELAY SC MEETING UNTIL JAN. END FYI. QUOTE THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF KINGDOM OF LESOTHO ON 21DECEMBER 1976,

GRAVELY CONCERNED AT THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION CREATED BY SOUTH AFRICA'S CLOSURE OF ITS BORDER ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH EASTERN REGION OF LESOTHO, AIMED AT COERCING LESOTHO INTO ACCORDING RECOGNITION TO THE BANTUSTAN TRANSKEI.

RECALLING RELEVENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS IN PARTICULAR RESOLUTION 3411D(XXX)CONDEMNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BANTUSTANS AND CALLING ON ALL GOVERNMENTS NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE BANTUSTANS.

RECALLING FURTHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/6 A ON THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI AND OTHER BANTUSTANS WHICH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTER ALIA, CALLS UPON ALL GOVERNMENTS TO DENY ANY FORM OF RECOGNITION TO THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI AND TO REFRAIN FROM HAVING ANY DEALINGS WITH THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI OR OTHER BANTUSTANS,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSKEI BANTUSTAN IN COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS DECISIONS.

CONSIDERING THAT THE DECISION OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE REALIZATION OF UN OBJECTIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

TAKING NOTE OF THE URGENT AND SPECIAL ECONOMIC NEEDS OF LESOTHO ARISING FROM THE CLOSURE OF THE BORDER;

1. ENDORSES GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/6 A WHICH INTER

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OF RECOGNITION TO THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI AND TO REFRAIN FROM HAVING ANY DEALINGS WITH THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI OR OTHER BANTUSTANS:

- 2. COMMENDS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO FOR ITS DECISION NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENCE OF TRANSKEI;
- 3. CONDEMNS SOUTH AFRICA FOR ITS CLOSURE OF THE BORDER
 OF SOUTH AFRICA ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH EASTERN REGION OF LESOTHO:
- 4. DEMANDS SOUTH AFRICA TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO REOPEN THE BORDER;
- 5. APPEALS TO ALL STATES TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO SO THAT IT CAN CARRY OUT ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENHANCE ITS CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS ON APARTHEID AND BANTUSTANS;

- 6. REQUESTS THE UN AND THE ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMMES CONCERNED, IN PARTICULAR THE ECOSOC, AND UNDP, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME, THE WORLD BANK, THE IMF AND ALL UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, TO ASSIST LESOTHO IN THE PRESENT SITUATION AND TO CONSIDER PERIODICALLY THE QUESTIONS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO AS ENVISAGED IN THE PRESENT RESOLUTION;
- 7. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, COLLABORATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL FUND, TO ORGANIZE, WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, ALL FORMS OF FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO TO ENABLE IT TO OVERCOME THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM THE CLOSURE OF THE BORDER BY SOUTH AFRICA DUE TO ITS REFUSAL TO RECOGNISE THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENCE OF TRANSKEI;
- 8. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL;
- (A) TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORT FOR MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAMME OF FINANCIAL, MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO DURING 1977:
- (B) TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO CONTINUE THE MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES AND TO CO-ORDINATE THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO:
- (C) TO ARRANGE FOR A NEW ASSESSMENT OF THE ECONOMIC

SITUATION DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1977 AND GIVE THE RESULTING REPORT THE WIDEST POSSIBLE CIRCULATION;
(D) TO KEEP THE SITUATION UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW
AND MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH MEMBER STATES, REGIONAL ANDOTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, SPECIALISED AGENCIES AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND TO REPORT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT ITS SUBSEQUENT MEETING ON THIS QUESTION;

9. DECIDES TO KEEP THE QUESTION UNDER REVIEW. UNQUOTE SCRANTON $\,$

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